

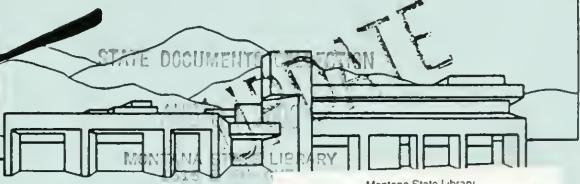
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Richard Miller, Assistant Missouri State Librarian, will be Montana's new State Librarian. Miller will replace Debbie Schlessinger who will return to her permanent position as director of the Lewis and Clark Public Library in Helena. Miller will begin his duties on January 4.

The Montana State Library Commission met December 14 at the State Library in Helena.

- The Commission accepted the federation annual reports of coal severance tax expenditures.
- The Advisory Council presented five preliminary proposals for use of 1990 Library Services and Construction Act funds: to fund part of Montana's share of a WLN founders fee or costs of transition to a new bibliographic utility, depending on the future of WLN; to cover costs of a White House Conference pre conference in Montana; to buy recording booth equipment for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Montana literature recording program; to provide scholarship assistance for persons seeking graduate library degrees, and to fund technology workshops for librarians in the state.
- The Commission discussed Legislative Day to be held at the Montana State Library January 23. The Montana Library Association is focusing on the much-needed "Information Access Montana" - a three million dollar state aid for libraries bill that will result in direct financial aid to Montana public libraries.
- The commission reelected Mary Hudspeth to her fourth term as chair and they elected Henry McLernan as their vice-chair. The Commission set dates and locations for their 1989 meetings as follows: February 28 in Helena, April 29 in Billings, June 14 in Helena, August 16 in Polson, October 25 - location undetermined and December 13 in Helena.

Mark your calendar for Legislative Day January 23 in Helena. The theme is "Information Access Montana: Building on 100 Years of Library Service. The day's schedule will include from 10 to 12 a.m., a legislative workshop in the Historical Society auditorium, from 1 to 5:30 p.m., time to visit Legislators and from 6:30 to 9 p.m., a buffet dinner with Legislators at the State Library/Justice Building. MLA President Georgia Lomax encourages librarians, trustees and friends to attend. "It's particularly important for Legislators to hear why "Information Access Montana" is necessary for Montana's libraries. They need to hear it from everyone; not just librarians," said Lomax.

Wanted to Buy or Trade- The Hearst Free Library in Anaconda is looking for a used Gaylord book charger. If your library has a machine it is no longer using or if you know of an available unit, contact Julie Shepard, Hearst Free Library, 4th and Main, Anaconda, 59711. 563-9990.

Susan Brown has replaced Peggy Duezabou, who retired, as the Sheridan Public Library Director. Brown, who lives in Laurin, started on November 17.

A demonstration of the OCLC Cat CD 450 system will be presented by OCLC's Ruth Sawyer at the Montana State Library on January 10. More information is available from Darlene Staffeldt, 444-5381.

"Using Information Technology in Education and Rural Economic Development" will be a two-day class offered by Western Montana College in Dillon on March 31 and April 1. The class will feature a variety of sessions and workshops designed to facilitate understanding of the role information technology will have in rural economic development and of what information technologies are currently used in Montana and the United States. There will also be hands-on exposure to a variety of computer equipment. An agenda and registration form will be available in January.

The 1989 Montana Library Directory erroneously listed Peggy McElfish as Vice President/President Elect of the Montana Library Association (MLA). Karen Hatcher of the Mansfield Library at the University of Montana is the Vice President/President Elect of MLA. McElfish is V.P./President Elect of the Public Library Division of MLA.

Upcoming events of interest to Montana Libraries are the American Library Association (ALA) midwinter meeting in Washington D.C. January 7 - 12, Montana Library Association (MLA) Legislative Day January 23 at the State Library the MLA Offline Midwinter Retreat February 18-19 at Fairmont Hot Springs, School Library Media Month in April, National Library Week April 9-15, the joint MLA/ Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Annual Conference April 26 - 29, and Reading is Fun Week (Reading is Fundamental Inc.) April 23 - 29. The State Library will be closed December 26 and on January 2. Happy Holidays from the Montana State Library to all Montana libraries, library staffs and library friends.



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